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paragraph (a) of this section with respect to any significant financial transaction described in paragraphs (b)(1) and (b)(2) of this section only if the President makes the successive determinations that there is a sufficient supply of petroleum and petroleum products from countries other than Iran described in paragraph (h) of §561.203.

- (f) Sanctions will not be imposed under paragraph (a) of this section with respect to any significant financial transaction described in paragraphs (b)(1) and (b)(2) of this section that is conducted or facilitated by a foreign financial institution if:
- (1) For the 180-day period during which the financial transaction is conducted or facilitated, the Secretary of State has determined and reported to Congress:
- (i) That the country with primary jurisdiction over the foreign financial institution has significantly reduced its crude oil purchases from Iran, thus qualifying for the "significant reduction exception" for the 180-day period during which the financial transaction is conducted or facilitated; or
- (ii) That the country with primary jurisdiction over the foreign financial institution has received a significant reduction exception described in this paragraph in a previous period, and, after receiving the exception, has reduced its crude oil purchases from Iran to zero during a subsequent 180-day reporting period; and
- (2) The transaction satisfies the conditions and restrictions set forth in paragraphs (j) and (k) of §561.203.

NOTE TO PARAGRAPH (f) OF §561.204: The Secretary of State is to determine whether a country qualifies for the "significant reduction exception" and report such determination to Congress not later than 90 days after the date on which the President makes the initial determination referenced in paragraph (h) of this section, and every 180 days thereafter. Accordingly, a significant reduction exception covers a period of 180 days.

NOTE TO \$561.204: The sanctions regime described in this section is separate from the sanctions regimes described in \$\$561.201 and 561.203 and applies in addition to, and independently of, the sanctions regimes imposed under \$\$561.201 and 561.203.

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§ 561.205 Evasions; attempts; causing violations; conspiracies.

- (a) Any transaction on or after the effective date that evades or avoids, has the purpose of evading or avoiding, causes a violation of, or attempts to violate any of the prohibitions set forth in this part is prohibited.
- (b) Any conspiracy formed to violate any of the prohibitions set forth in this part is prohibited.

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Subpart C—General Definitions

§561.301 Effective date.

- (a) The effective date of a prohibition or condition imposed pursuant to §§ 561.201, 561.203, or 561.204 on the opening or maintaining of a correspondent account or a payable-through account in the United States by a U.S. financial institution for a particular foreign financial institution is the earlier of the date the U.S. financial institution receives actual or constructive notice of such prohibition or condition.
- (b) The effective date of the prohibition contained in §561.202 with respect to Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps and any of its agents or affiliates whose property and interests in property are blocked as of August 16, 2010, is August 16, 2010.
- (c) The effective date of the prohibition contained in §561.202 with respect to an agent or affiliate of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps whose property and interests in property become blocked after August 16, 2010, is the earlier of the date of actual or constructive notice that such person's property and interests in property are blocked.

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§ 561.302 UNSC Resolution 1737.

The term *UNSC Resolution 1737* means United Nations Security Council Resolution 1737, adopted December 23, 2006.

§561.303 UNSC Resolution 1747.

The term *UNSC Resolution 1747* means United Nations Security Council Resolution 1747, adopted March 24, 2007.